

MYSTIC COOPERATIVE TASK GROUP  
MEETING SUMMARY  
APRIL 16, 2012  
B.F. HOXIE FIRE STATION  
34 BROADWAY, MYSTIC

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Roper at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Roper asked that the group share a moment of silence in memory of Bill Haase who passed away recently. Those present remembered Bill as an energetic and respected member of the Stonington Planning Department and Task Force for many years, and he will truly be missed.

Those in attendance were Peter Roper, Rick Norris, Barbara Strother, Town of Groton; Ed Haberek and Joe Bragaw, Town of Stonington; Tricia Cunningham, Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce; Ken Wilson, Mystic Seaport; Jerry Olson, Olde Mistick Village; and Bill Scheer, Mystic River Park Commission.

II. DISCUSSION OF MEETING SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 12, 2011

The minutes of December 12, 2011 were accepted, as written.

III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Update on Mystic Streetscape Project Phases

Groton – Rick Norris noted that CL&P is moving forward on their portion of the project. The project end day is June 30th, but there may be some work beyond that date, mostly punch list items. It is hoped that paving of Route 1 will be done sometime in mid to late June. It is expected that the paving will have to be done during the daytime, but they are hoping milling can be done at night. A major work item that is coming up is installing the duct bank across West Main Street from the head of Pearl Street to the area near Bank Square Books. They are looking into the potential for longer work days to move this work forward faster. It was also noted that an issue has arisen on Bank Street with soil contamination, which they are working on with the State DEEP.

Norris highlighted other work underway, including Area 2, in front of the Main Block building which started today, and infrastructure being placed in the Town owned land near Mystic Pizza. He further noted that they are looking into the potential of creating some additional parking during Phase 2 of the project along Water Street.

Phase II is estimated to go out to bid by August, with work to begin the following spring.

B. Update on Bridge Repair Project

The Bridge Repair Project, now in year two of this three year project, still has some minor work, but the bridge is back in operation with two-way traffic. Work on the last phase will begin in the November 2012, and there will be two (2) 54-hour shutdowns as part of this final phase.

Discussions of how to celebrate the end of all the work in Mystic took place with ideas for campaigns such as "Mystic's Open for Business" similar to what occurred in the Gulf following the oil spill.

B. Other

1. Mystic Flag Pole Repairs – It was noted that it is believed that the new flag pole will be installed by Flag Day on June 14th.
2. Stonington Updates - Joe Bragaw noted that he will be attending Task Force meetings to provide Stonington updates. He noted that they have reached out to CL & P because the light poles on the Stonington side appear to be leaning down a bit. He is also looking into the potential for reconfiguring the Route 1/Route 27 intersection which is somewhat of a challenge due to the need to meet State standards.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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